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In re Application of:)	Conf. No.: 3990
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John LONG et al)	Art Unit: 1761
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Appln. No.: 10/714,908)	Examiner: D.E. BECKER
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Filed: November 18, 2003)	Washington, D.C.
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For: IMPROVEMENT IN SHOCK WAVE)	April 4, 2007
TENDERIZATION...)	
)	Atty. Docket: LONG=23B

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

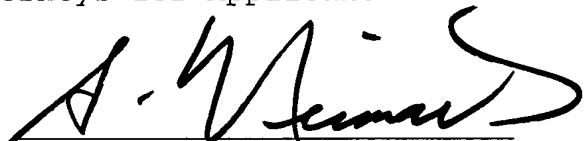
The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance incorrectly states that claim 1 defines over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach, suggest, nor render obvious the meat being confined and **"compressed to eliminate any air pockets** while tightly sealed with in a tunnel" during the shock wave treatment.

This is not entirely correct because the last clause of claim 1 recites that the meat "is confined, compressed **to attempt** to eliminate any air pockets in the meat, and tightly sealed within a tunnel" during the shock wave treatment.

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